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Dear Josh;-

I am sorry I did not answer your card and subsequent letter earlier about the proposal to send the Red strain. I hope you will forgive me. When I returned from Wisconsin Sussman who had been working with the material was away on vacation. He returned only a little while ago. He felt that he wanted to do a few more things before sending out the material for casual 'puttering'. I must confess that I agreed with him. Perhaps my past experience makes ^{me} overly cautious in such matters. But after all I have seen casual reports, unsupported by data, quoted over and over again in Reviews.

With respect to repeating Ephrussi's observations, any yeast will do if you follow his directions.

I myself have been up to my ears with long-term adaptation which is getting more fascinating everyday. I finally licked the reversion problem and was able to demonstrate that it is a mass phenomenon occurring in over 90% of the cells. We are now busy counting particles. I just brought over a manuscript to Marcus Rhoads on the basic observations of conversion to ~~negative~~ positive and its reversion.
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to the negative phenotype and if you will pardon my saying so,
still believe that my viewpoint and contribution differs
sufficiently from those of Winge as to be distinguishable.

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Say hello to Mike and Roger for me please.